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"When this subject came up before the Assembly, the Hon. Speaker said that he was preparing a note on the Committee of Privileges, how it is functioning in England, what its powers and duties are and so on. I am sure the Members of this House will get a copy of the note that will be circulated to the Members of the Assembly."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether this Committee of Privileges will be competent to go into complaints against Ministers who are Members of this House?"

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—"This question does not arise. Only complaints relating to breach of privileges of the House will be referred to it."

Mrs. M. HENSMAN :—"Sir, may we know what our privileges are and what we are immune from?"

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—"Certain powers, privileges and immunities are defined in Article 194. In other respects, we have the powers, privileges and immunities as defined by the Legislature by law, and, until so defined, shall be those of the House of Commons. But we are not enjoying all the privileges of the House of Commons. There it has been decided that Parliament is superior to the High Court in matters of interpretation. But in our country the Supreme Court is superior to the Legislature."

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—"The question is—

'that, with reference to rule 143 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1950–51'."

The motion was carried.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—"I have to inform the House that, in accordance with the regulations framed by the Hon. Chairman for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 5 p.m. in Wednesday, the 22nd March 1950, as the time within which nomination of candidates for election to the Committee of Privileges should reach the Secretary. There will be an election on a date to be announced in due course if the number of candidates nominated exceeds nine."

(3) THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Sir, I move—

'*that as the Local Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway has to be reconstitute with effect from a date to be notified by the General Manager, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway and as the*

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General Manager, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway has requested the Government to communicate to him the names of the members to represent the Madras Legislative Assembly and the Madras Legislative Council on the Committee for the next term commencing from a date to be notified by him, this Council do recommend to the Government to communicate to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway the name of one person elected by this Council to serve on the Committee for a period of two years from a date to be notified later.' "

The motion was put and carried.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" The following procedure shall be adopted for conducting the election of one member to the Local Advisory Committee of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. The hon. Members will please hand in nominations to the Secretary before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the 22nd March 1950. If the number of candidates nominated exceeds one, an election will be held between 3 and 5 p.m. on Friday, the 24th March 1950. The election will be by the ordinary method and not according to the method of single transferable vote."

III.—PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1949-50.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I present the second supplementary statement of Demands for Grants for further expenditure in the year 1949-50 introduced in the course of the year. The present statement of Demands and the Estimates have been laid on the Table of the House. 3.15 p.m.

" As the House is aware, the first supplementary statement for this official year was presented in November 1949 and it related only to token sums for some 'new service' schemes introduced in the course of the year. The present statement is the final one for this year. As explained in the introductory Memorandum, the present statement relates to—

(*a*) Schemes of expenditure already provided for in the Budget for 1949-50 and schemes approved by the Legislature in connection with the first supplemencary statement of demands for Grants voted in November 1949, for which additional provision is now required with reference to the expenditure alreahy incurred or expected to be incurred before the end of the year ; and

(*b*) 'New Se vice' schemes sanctioned by the Government in the latter part of this year which were not included in the first supplementary statement of Demands for Grants for this year.

" In the latter class of cases, the demand proposed is for the actual additional appropriation required to meet the expenditure in the current year on individual schemes, after taking into account the savings now anticipated in the concerned Grants. Where sufficient savings are expected, the demand proposed is only for a token sum of Rs. 100.